

# Health News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

#### **Clallam County**

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the certification of certified nursing assistant **Rainier V. Basdeo-Singh** (NC10078307) on probation for two years. He borrowed money from a vulnerable adult patient.

#### **Clark County**

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Natalie Alice Hendricks** (RN00113211) with unprofessional conduct for allegedly working as a nurse while her credential was expired.

#### **Grant County**

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Dorothy A. Butler** (NA00116000) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly observed physical and verbal abuse directed at residents of the adult family home where she worked and failed to report any of the conduct.

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# **King County**

In March 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional **Frederick Kirk Conner** (CO60130003).

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Sisilia P. Helu** (NA60003530) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to report several pressure sores on a vulnerable adult patient to the patient's physician or guardian.

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Heidi R. Gabhart** (RN00138356) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft and allegedly failed to disclose the conviction on her reactivation application.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Amenan Natacha Kouakou** (NC60260508) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She entered into a continuance order with conditions for the charge of assault — domestic violence.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **Max Cong Le** (NA60196703) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of theft.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Derek C. Machel** (NA00105630) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In March 2012 the Massage Program granted the application of **Kelly Kolleen McEvoy** (MA60269949) and placed conditions against her license. She was convicted of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and theft.

In March 2012 the Secretary of Health charged dental assistant **Celia Ann Moody** (D160052866) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient.

In March 2012 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Hilary Elyse Palmer** (D160247364) and placed her registration on probation for the duration of her court-ordered probation. She was convicted of driving under the influence and possession of marijuana. She also entered into a deferred prosecution for the charge of driving under the influence.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Shylia M. Reiber** (NC10091511) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly admitted to taking morphine and methadone tablets from her place of employment for her own use.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Eleanor Romero** (NA00157094) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly neglected a vulnerable adult

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in her care when she failed to notify the patient's physician or guardian of sores found on the patient.

#### **Lewis County**

In March 2012 the Dental Hygiene Program charged **Karen A. Lockhart** (DH00001600) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly billed for services not provided, resulting in an overpayment of at least \$14,500.

### **Pierce County**

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Catherine Margaret Ervin** (LP00038858) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to keep adequate records of withdrawal and administration of medications to patients.

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jolene Marie Jackson** (RN00099195) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

#### **Snohomish County**

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Irine W. Kariuki** (NA60118756) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to follow orders to check a patient's blood sugar at bedtime resulting in the patient being transported to the hospital.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program corrected a final order against registered nursing assistant **Tatyana Ogorodnik** (NA60216762). Her application is granted and registration placed on probation for two years.

#### **Spokane County**

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **William Michael Crane** (NA60263595) and placed conditions against his registration. He was convicted of theft, two counts of possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine, and burglary.

In March 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional trainee **Damien J. Miller** (CO60146084).

After a hearing in March 2012, the Massage Program denied the application of massage therapist applicant **Cole Lee Moore** (MA60223837). He was convicted of driving under the influence, and assault.

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Amy K. Ross** (LP00050636) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted narcotics from her place of employment. She was convicted of criminal possession of a financial transaction card.

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In March 2012 the Board of Hearing and Speech reinstated the license of hearing aid fitter/dispenser **Scott A. Williams** (HA00002083) and placed his license on probation for two years.

#### **Thurston County**

In March 2012 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program ended the probation order against paramedic **Michael James Wilson** (ES60237606).

### Yakima County

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Rosie Carrazco** (NA60196700) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly had marijuana plants in her personal residence and controlled substances in her possession without a valid prescription.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program released registered nursing assistant **Melanie Jane Arevalo** (NA60244525) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

#### **Out of State**

**Florida:** In March 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Mary Lee DeLate** (RN60020122) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

**Oregon:** In March 2012 the Massage Program charged **Brad L. Gray-Kennedy** (MA60188011) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly touched a patient inappropriately while providing massage services to the patient.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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